

and create good-paying jobs, helping to diversify our economy and sustain our growing population.

The bill will also make historic investments to combat climate change, an existential threat to our planet, our country, and the Florida way of life.

I urge my Republican colleagues to abandon their cynical quest for political advantage and to vote for this good bill. I ask my Democratic colleagues to discard their ill-fated effort to gain leverage over members of their own party and to vote for this good bill.

RECOGNIZING STATE COLLEGE AREA MEALS ON WHEELS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the State College Area Meals on Wheels as they celebrate 50 years of service and 1.5 million meals delivered.

State College Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers meals to the elderly and those people living with disabilities within the State College school district.

What originally started as a small vision serving under 30 clients has now blossomed into eight separate delivery routes, averaging 250 clients a year.

When our world came to a halt during the COVID-19 pandemic, Meals on Wheels stepped up. The organization didn't miss a single delivery during the pandemic. They even picked up a few more clients who were adversely affected.

Like many, Meals on Wheels had to adapt to the pandemic. A key aspect of the meal delivery was the frequent in-person conversations with the clients. When COVID-19 prevented the face-to-face chatting, they changed their services to provide regular phone calls to catch up with their clients.

Madam Speaker, State College Meals on Wheels is a staple in our community, and I congratulate them on 50 years and 1.5 million meals delivered.

CORRECTING THE RECORD ON STUART SCHELLER

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to correct the record.

Yesterday, while proselytizing about the ongoing case of Stuart Scheller, one of my colleagues demonstrated a concerning misunderstanding of armed service to one's country.

Stuart Scheller did not "stand up to incompetence." He broke his oath, one that all Marines take that explicitly outlines our duty to obey the President's legal orders; the same oath I took when I was sworn into the Marine Corps 11 years ago. Yesterday, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs spoke di-

rectly to this understanding: the principle of civilian control of the military is critical to this republic.

A marine who posts videos of himself saying "follow me and we will bring the whole system down" is not a martyr. Stuart Scheller is a liability to our national security, and he will be provided the same due process that our fellow Marines have fought for and died to protect.

PLUNGING OUR NATION FURTHER INTO CRIPPLING DEBT

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, for the last 9 months, Washington Democrats have been steamrolling Congress and the American people with a series of socialist, Big Government takeovers. With such fragile control of the White House, Senate, and House, Democrats have authorized trillions in unchecked spending, plunging our Nation into further crippling debt.

The American people are suffering the economic consequences of Biden's unhinged spending in the form of staggering inflation and decreased purchasing power, which I fear could lead us to double-digit inflation by the end of this year.

I refuse to stand by as House Democrats attempt to bankrupt our children and grandchildren. To correct this behavior and increase financial transparency, I have introduced the INFORM Act, the companion bill to Senator MIKE BRAUN from Indiana.

The INFORM Act brings much-needed accountability to government spending by requiring two new government-wide reporting standards on the national debt and deficits and studies net fiscal burdens on different populations.

With the debt growing bigger every day and Democrats showing no sign of restraint in their plans to try to bankrupt America, my bill is an essential part of ensuring that we create a responsible financial future for generations to come.

TRICKLE-DOWN ECONOMICS HAS FAILED

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, over the past 50 years, income inequality has exploded in our country.

For decades, trickle-down economics has guided our country's fiscal policy, selling the American people a bill of goods about how cutting taxes for big business and the wealthy would eventually benefit society at large.

Most Americans have experienced this policy failure firsthand. They have watched the rich and powerful accumulate wealth while the middle class

shrinks and families struggle to stay afloat. Study after study has shown that instead of promoting jobs or growth, tax cuts for the rich have increased inequality.

It is time to reject the failed theory of trickle-down economics and finally give everyday Americans a fair shot.

The Build Back Better Act will provide one of the biggest middle-class tax cuts in history and invest in the American people to build a stronger, more inclusive economy.

The best part? It is paid for by making those at the top finally pay their fair share.

The system has been rigged against most Americans for far too long. We have a chance to fix it now. Let's get it done.

WE NEED TO STOP THE SOCIALIST SPENDING SPREE

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, this is a consequential week for the country that we love and its future.

House Democrats are preparing to ram through the most expensive spending package this institution has ever seen, with a combined price tag of \$5.5 trillion.

\$5.5 trillion, let that astronomical figure sink in.

This package contains a \$2.1 trillion tax increase on hardworking families and job creators, the largest in history. It bypasses needed infrastructure priorities in favor of Green New Deal pet projects, and it adds mountains of debt burden to our kids' and grandkids' future.

Meanwhile, all of this reckless spending comes at a time when inflation is already sky-high, and it will only make the cost of daily necessities continue to go up and up.

There is simply no justification for a package so expansive, so excessive, and so extreme.

For the sake of America's future, we need to stop this socialist spending spree in its tracks.

ELECTRIFYING FEDERAL VEHICLE FLEETS

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the robust funding to electrify Federal vehicle fleets included in the Build Back Better Act.

Our climate is rapidly changing, and humans are the primary cause.

In 2019, the transportation sector accounted for 70 percent of petroleum used in the United States and was the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions nationwide.

Transitioning to electric vehicles will reduce our carbon output and improve the environment for our children and our grandchildren.

That is why the Committee on Oversight and Reform approved nearly \$12 billion to transition the postal fleet and GSA fleets to electric vehicles and to charge them at post offices across the country.

This funding will help purchase more than 300,000 electric vehicles and the devices needed to charge them, making the United States a leader on climate change and building an environmentally friendly fleet of the future.

I urge my colleagues to support the Build Back Better Act and its robust funding for electric vehicles.

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ADDRESSING THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT CRISIS

(Mr. VALADAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to again request an urgent response to the California drought crisis.

Members of Congress have been back in Washington for legislative business for over one week, and still, my colleagues in the majority refuse to take up this issue.

My legislation, the NEED Water Act and the RENEW WIIN ACT, are critical steps to addressing California's ongoing drought and the water shortages farmers and communities continually face in the State.

Water is the top issue for many families in my district. Securing this vital resource for our farmers and ensuring communities have a clean, reliable source of water has always been a priority of mine in Congress.

It is disappointing that the House majority does not share my priority of taking care of families in rural California and supporting farmers that feed our entire Nation.

I implore my colleagues to step across the aisle to work with me to address the suffering of families and farmers in California. Communities in my district and across the State urgently need our help.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ANITA DORR TO EMERGENCY NURSING

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark National Emergency Nurses Week and to honor the contributions of Anita Dorr.

Anita was an emergency room nurse at the Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo, New York. She observed that emergency rooms could do better in the many types of crises coming through emergency room doors.

She developed the crash cart, which has drawers that contain defibrillators, life-supporting drugs, and other essen-

tial items for crisis care. The crash cart is now universally used in medical settings around the world and has saved countless lives.

Anita also cofounded the Emergency Nurses Association to advocate for nurses and support their training across America.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring emergency nurses as well as Anita Dorr's lasting contributions to the medical field and to my community.

CRISIS AT THE BORDER

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, last week during a Committee on Homeland Security hearing, Secretary Mayorkas testified, and he stated on numerous occasions that our border is secure.

Even as encounters of migrants reached historic levels and the amount of narcotics being smuggled across our border soar, Secretary Mayorkas and the Biden administration refuse to admit there is a problem.

The border crisis is fueled by the President's actions, such as his decision to stop building the wall; his decision to cancel successful Trump immigration policies; and his decision to signal that amnesty will be provided to those who come here illegally.

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell had a policy known as the Pottery Barn rule, which was, in short, "You break it, you own it."

The Biden administration has created this crisis, and now it is time for the President to own the consequences of his actions.

HONORING OUR BRAVE SERVICEMEMBERS

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember our 13 fallen servicemembers who made the ultimate sacrifice to save the lives of Americans and our allies in Afghanistan.

These brave men and women—including southern California marines Lance Corporal Dylan Merola, Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui, and Corporal Hunter Lopez—were young, many in their 20s and incredibly brave, valiantly putting their lives on the line for others.

Their valiant efforts, courage, and heroism in the face of danger will never be forgotten.

We remember their names and their stories always, and we rally with our new Gold Star families.

My heart is also with our wounded soldiers, including Marine Corporal David Nick Traylor from La Habra in my 39th Congressional District. Thankfully, he is safe and is in good care. I

am praying for safety for them and their loved ones.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT T. HERBERT

(Mr. AMODEI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. AMODEI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and memory of my friend, Major General Robert T. Herbert, of the Nevada Army National Guard.

An adopted Nevadan, Bob began a 42-year career in the U.S. Army in 1975 at the age of 18. After serving along the East-West German border, Bob moved to Nevada as a test pilot at the age of 25. Later in his career, Bob served as senior policy adviser and director of appropriations for Senator Harry Reid, from 2001 to 2017.

Bob loved anything with a loud engine, having accrued more than 7,000 flight hours as a pilot of both fixed and rotary-wing aircraft. He loved to ride his collection of motorcycles, took great pride in his customized truck, and was in the process of rebuilding a Pontiac Firebird.

Both as a civilian and a soldier, Bob was respected and admired by anyone he interacted with, myself included. Simply put, Bob Herbert was an all-American consensus at everything he tried.

I offer my condolences to his wife, Karen, his parents and family, and anyone else who was lucky enough to call him a friend, including you, Madam Speaker. We will miss you, General.

TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENTS OF LIEUTENANT PATRICIA BROWN AND SENIOR DEPUTY SHERIFF PAUL SHIFFER

(Mr. CLYDE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the tremendous achievements of two law enforcement officers in Stephens County, Georgia.

Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant Patricia "Pat" Brown recently reached her 30-year tenure with the Stephens County Sheriff's Office. After serving in the field for many years, Lieutenant Brown now diligently leads the records division and continues to display exceptional service to her community.

Senior Deputy Sheriff Paul Shiffer reached his 50-year tenure this past year. Yes, I said 50 years of law enforcement service. And he continues to faithfully serve as head of the civil division. Whether he is working extra hours or using his personal time to custom make Christmas ornaments for each employee, Senior Deputy Shiffer has gone above and beyond to serve his community for half a century.

The good folks of Stephens County are fortunate to have Deputies Brown